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In re U.S. Patent Application )

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Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[ x ] The fee for submission of additional claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	3	9	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	3	3	(Over 3)	x \$84	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$280	0
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			TOTAL		0

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[ x ] Response to Office Action  
(with Claim Amendments)

[ ] Petition for Extension of Time ( month)

[ ] Substitute Specification & marked-up copy

[ ] Terminal Disclaimer

[ ] Preliminary Amendment

[ ] Letter to Draftsperson w/ sheets of drawings

[ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

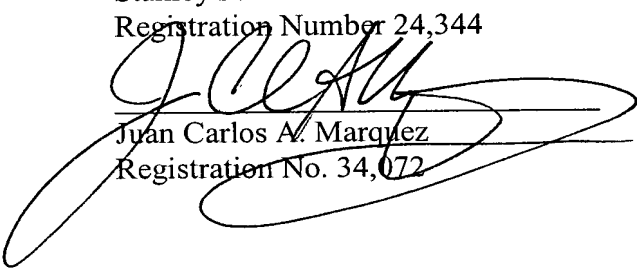
[ ] Assignment

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated June 26, 2003 and the telephone conversation with the Examiner on September 22, 2003, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on September 26, 2003. Please amend the above identified application with the replacement paragraphs/sections/claims as follows:

